# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:699
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TELEHONE FACILITIES IN BIHAR
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV;NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the number of telephones are lowest in Bihar as compared to population in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of telephones in the State and linking every village panchayat with telephone?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS ( SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The telephone density of Bihar as on 31.01.2001 is 0.82 per hundred population against the National average of 3.34.

(c) The following steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of telephones in the state and linking every village panchayat with telephone:

(i) There is a proposal to add 2,60,000 new telephones during the current financial year out of which 1,47,488 have already been provided by 31.01.2001.

(ii) WLL system have been planned to cover all the revenue villages of Bihar by the year 2002.